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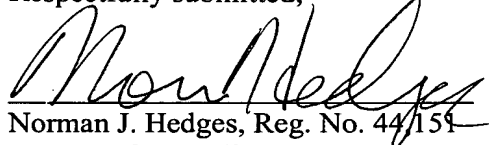
This statement is filed in the application identified above pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Applicants call attention to the art references within the knowledge of applicants and their attorneys which are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. No representation is intended that a complete search has been made or that no better art references are available. The filing of this statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to the patentability as defined in 1.56(b). Under §1.98(d), copies of the cited art are not provided herewith because they were previously cited in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/000,203, which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date.

REMARKS

None of the art cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentability distinguishable over these references.

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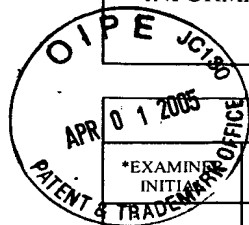
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	AA	2,783,617	Mar. 1957	Halovatch			
	AB	2,814,324	Nov. 26, 1957	Shur			
	AC	2,896,496	Jul. 28, 1959	Jansen			
	AD	3,089,330	May 1963	Kerr			
	AE	3,151,652	Oct. 6, 1964	Zahodiakin			
	AF	3,157,215	Nov. 17, 1964	Zahodiakin			
	AG	3,352,341	Nov. 14, 1967	Schertz			
	AH	3,550,412	Dec. 29, 1970	Pitel, et al.			
	AI	3,695,139	Oct. 3, 1972	Howe			
	AJ	3,751,086	Aug. 1973	Geringer			
	AK	4,071,271	Jan. 1978	Bourrie, et al.			

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	AL	799,686	Nov. 1968	Canada	Dauenbaugh	70/208		
	AM	403100283	Apr. 1991	Japan	Sanpourotsuku K.K.	70/208		
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	AR		"What is ZipTechnology <sup>TM</sup> ," ZipNut.com, Thread Technology, Inc., 2000.
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	BB	4,083,393	Apr. 11, 1978	Okada			
	BC	4,171,752	Oct. 23, 1979	Pertinen			
	BD	4,175,989	Nov. 27, 1979	Pospischil, et al.			
	BE	4,185,730	Jan. 29, 1980	Roes, et al.			
	BF	4,220,024	Sept. 2, 1980	Berich			
	BG	4,232,798	Nov. 11, 1980	Hammel, et al.			
	BH	4,299,520	Nov. 10, 1981	Iwata			
	BI	4,350,032	Sept. 21, 1982	Kochackis			
	BJ	4,378,187	Mar. 29, 1983	Fullerton			
	BK	4,473,172	Sept. 25, 1984	Reynolds			

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	CB	4,589,571	May 20, 1986	Sykes			
	CC	4,618,300	Oct. 21, 1986	Goebel			
	CD	4,633,687	Jan. 6, 1987	Fane			
	CE	4,741,454	May 1988	Ray, et al.			
	CF	4,764,071	Aug. 16, 1988	Lawrence, et al.			
	CG	4,974,888	Dec. 4, 1990	Childers			
	CH	4,986,099	Jan. 1991	Johnson, et al.			
	CI	4,993,247	Feb. 19, 1991	Minemura			
	CJ	5,027,630	Jul. 2, 1991	Stillwagon, et al.			
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	DB	5,131,038	Jul. 14, 1992	Puhl, et al.			
	DC	5,143,430	Sept. 1, 1992	Craven, et al.			
	DD	5,160,180	Nov. 3, 1992	Mlynarczyk			
	DE	5,197,314	Mar. 30, 1993	Stillwagon, et al.			
	DF	5,216,907	Jun. 8, 1993	Ullmann			
	DG	5,273,183	Dec. 28, 1993	Tuttobene			
	DH	5,324,150	Jun. 28, 1994	Fullerton			
	DI	5,335,818	Aug. 9, 1994	Maldanis, et al.			
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	EB	5,427,488	Jun. 27, 1995	Fullerton, et al.			
	EC	5,467,619	Nov. 1995	Stillwagon, et al.			
	ED	5,476,190	Dec. 19, 1995	Herrmann, et al.			
	EE	5,491,471	Feb. 13, 1996	Stobbe			
	EF	5,497,905	Mar. 12, 1996	Vogelpohl, et al.			
	EG	5,548,982	Aug. 1996	Rawling			
	EH	5,580,200	Dec. 3, 1996	Fullerton			
	EI	5,613,816	Mar. 25, 1997	Cabahug			
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	FB	5,791,179	Aug. 1998	Brask			
	FC	5,788,443	Aug. 4, 1998	Cabahug			
	FD	5,799,822	Sept. 1, 1998	Rudewicz, et al.			
	FE	5,800,108	Sept. 1, 1998	Cabahug			
	FF	5,813,257	Sept. 29, 1998	Claghorn, et al.			
	FG	5,823,027	Oct. 20, 1998	Glick, et al.			
	FH	5,845,524	Dec. 1998	Koehler			
	FI	5,848,541	Dec. 15, 1998	Glick, et al.			
	FJ	5,862,693	Jan. 1999	Myers, et al.			
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	GB	5,975,348	Nov. 2, 1999	Rudewicz, et al.			
	GC	6,038,892	Mar. 2000	Schmitt			
	GD	6,046,681	Apr. 2000	Solop			
	GE	6,050,447	Apr. 18, 2000	Kovens, et al.			
	GF	6,082,153	Jul. 4, 2000	Schoell, et al.			
	GG	6,129,238	Oct. 10, 2000	Rummingner			
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